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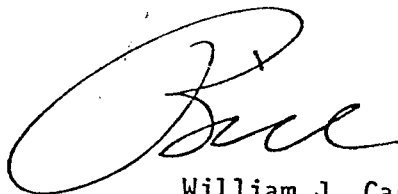
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Mike,

Leo Cherno, who is Chairman of the International Rescue Committee, asked me to pass this along as an opportunity which might provide a showcase for the President. The International Rescue Committee is celebrating its 40th anniversary, as well as the 25th anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution, with a dinner to be held in New York City in early November. Cherno put this forward as an opportunity to strike a Roosevelt-to-Reagan theme and identify with a whole range of ethnic minorities--Slavs, Cubans, Jews, Orientals--who were rescued from oppression by this Committee. The plan is to award the Medal of Freedom, which has been received by Churchill and other world statesman, to Raul Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who disappeared behind the Iron Curtain in 1945 after rescuing 20,000 Jews who were on their way to the gas ovens in Auschwitz by providing them Swedish passports.

As I dictate this it seems the agenda is a little crowded but I suspect it could be modified in any way to make it more suitable to the President if he should be at all interested in an appearance in New York City this fall.



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